

Rt. Hon Jacqui Smith, MP
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Dear Home Secretary,

Jane Mary Mutetsi from Rwanda HO ref: M1146233 is currently detained in Yarl's Wood IRC, due to be forcibly removed from the UK on Thursday 16th October @ 20.00 hrs on Kenya Airways flight KQ101 from London Heathrow to Nairobi and KQ410 to Entebbe, Uganda.

I have made myself familiar with Jane Mary Mutetsi's

Jane Mary (a national of Rwanda) fled for her life from Uganda to the UK, she arrived on 5th April 2002 and claimed asylum on 11 April. She had to leave behind her four daughters to be looked after by a friend.

In Uganda, Jane Mary and her husband David built up a food import and export business in their village Omungyenya in west Uganda. But problems started in 2000 when they became involved with a rebel group the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) opposed to the Ugandan government by supporting them with food and money. In January 2002 Ugandan military forces raided their factory and premises and her husband was detained for three days before being released.

The soldiers returned on 25th March 2002 severely beat her husband locked him in the boot of a car and took him away. (This was the last Jane Mary saw or heard of her husband until 2004 when she received a letter from her husband's friend saying his body had been found in DR Congo.)

Jane Mary was also beaten, locked in the bathroom and subsequently brutally gang raped by three soldiers. The beating was so bad she lost the sight of one eye had several of her teeth broken and lost her left ovary. At the time a friendly grounds man helped Jane Mary escape from the house, having to put her in wheelbarrow, as she was unable to walk. When she was well enough to walk, a friend helped her to flee to Kampala; from there she made her way to the UK.

Jane Mary has become an active and committed member of St. Stephen's, Church of England congregation in Nottingham, has completed a number of child care and child protection courses and, unable to work, volunteers on a regular basis at the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum undertaking whatever tasks are needed. She is also an active member of the Women's Group at the Forum helping to organise weekly activities and occasional outings like to the seaside in the summer and children's parties.

Jane Mary has a well-founded fear of being returned to Uganda as she has proof, held by her solicitor, that the Ugandan government is still actively looking for her, an arrest warrant for Jane Mary is extant.

Please release Jane Mary Mutetsi from detention and reconsider her case with a view to allowing her to remain in the UK.

Yours Sincerely,

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